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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HIGELMIRE PROMOTED AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--William Higelmire, son of Mrs. Beryl Higelmire of Farmington Hills, Michigan, has been promoted to professor in the leisure studies department at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Eastern places priority on teaching excellence for a high quality student body in a residential setting and offers faculty a wide range of research and public service activities.

Higelmire earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in recreation from Eastern Michigan University in 1977 and Indiana University in 1978, respectively. He earned his doctorate in therapeutic recreation from the University of Northern Colorado in 1985.

Higelmire previously served as recreation therapist for the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from 1984-1985 and as grant coordinator at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville from 1985-1987.

Higelmire's wife, Lissa, is a registered nurse/home health nurse with Lincolnland Visiting Nurses Association. They have two children: Gordie, 7; and Patrick, 4.